

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

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**RESOLUTION 20-009**

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT AND OPERATIONAL PLAN BETWEEN ANCHOR POINT FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AREA AND THE CITY OF HOMER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE RESPONSE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, Automatic aid agreements are a form of mutual aid agreements and their operational plans provide for automatic requests for additional resources to residents of the peninsula in the form of fire response personnel and apparatus when required; and

WHEREAS, Automatic aid agreements and operational plans are common in the fire and emergency service professions; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 18.70.150 provides that: “[a] city, other incorporated entity, and other fire protection groups may organize a mutual-aid program by adopting an ordinance or resolution authorizing and permitting their fire department, fire company, emergency relief squad, fire police squad, or fire patrol to go to the aid of another city, incorporated entity, or fire protection group, or territory outside of it...”; and

WHEREAS, This automatic aid agreement and operational plan between Anchor Point Fire & Emergency Medical Service Area (“APFEMSA”) and the City of Homer Volunteer Fire Department (“HVFD”) sets forth response areas and terms of automatic aid; and

WHEREAS, All associated costs are borne by each responding agency, and in this manner, costs for manpower, materials, supplies and equipment are exchanged between the agencies, ultimately resulting in service area funds being expended for the benefit of the service area; and

WHEREAS, For years, the operational plans have been considered as matters within the expertise of the agencies providing automatic aid and, therefore, future amendments to the operational plans have been left to the discretion of the agencies; and

WHEREAS, Significant cost savings for fire insurance can be afforded local taxpayers through rating determinations by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) when automatic aid agreements are in effect; and

43 WHEREAS, This automatic aid agreement is for the provision of fire response services;  
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45 WHEREAS, At its meeting of October 16, 2019 the Anchor Point Fire & Emergency  
46 Medical Service Area unanimously recommended approval; and

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48 WHEREAS, At its meeting of December 3, 2019 the Kenai Peninsula Borough  
49 unanimously adopted Resolution 2019-067, approving of an Automatic Aid Agreement and  
50 Operational Plan between Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area and the City  
51 of Homer Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Response Services; and

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53 WHEREAS, Mayor Pierce is authorized to execute an automatic aid agreement while the  
54 APFEMSA boards and chief are hereby authorized to approve amendments to the operational  
55 plan with Mayor Piece's approval without further review by the Assembly and Homer City  
56 Council so long as any such amendments do not conflict with the automatic aid agreement.

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58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby approves an  
59 Automatic Aid Agreement and Operational Plan between Anchor Point Fire and Emergency  
60 Medical service area and the City of Homer Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Response  
61 Services and authorizes the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents.

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63 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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70 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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75 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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77 Fiscal information: N/A